UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MARIE TRAVIS, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff.

Case No. 2:17-CV-04885-JFB-GRB

-against-

NAVIENT CORPORATION and NAVIENT SOLUTIONS, INC.,

Defendants.

<u>DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF</u> MOTION TO DISMISS AND MOTION TO STRIKE CLASS ALLEGATIONS

Defendants Navient Corporation and Navient Solutions, Inc. (collectively, "Defendants") provide notice of the following supplemental authorities which are relevant to the defense of preemption asserted at pages 8-11 of Defendants' Combined Memorandum of Law In Support Of Motion To Dismiss And Motion To Strike Class Allegations (ECF No. 43-1) and pages 2-4 of Defendants' Combined Reply In Support Of Motion To Dismiss And Motion To Strike Class Allegations (ECF No. 48):

1. On March 12, 2018, the U.S. Department of Education published a formal notice in the Federal Register confirming, *inter alia*, its formal position that the express preemption provision in the Higher Education Act ("HEA"), 20 U.S.C. § 1098g, precludes efforts to apply existing State consumer protection laws to Federal Family Education Loan ("FFEL") servicers. *See* U.S. Department of Education, *Federal Preemption and State Regulation of the Department of Education's Federal Student Loan Programs and Federal Student Loan Servicers*, 83 Fed.

Ref. 10619, 10621, 2018 WL 1240656 (Mar. 12, 2018). A copy of the notice is attached as **Exhibit A**.

2. The March 12, 2018 notice cites with approval the decision in *Nelson v. Great Lakes Educ. Loan Servs., Inc.*, No. 17-CV-183, 2017 WL 6501919 (S.D. Ill. Dec. 19, 2017). The court in *Nelson* held that the plaintiff's state consumer protection law claims based on allegations of "steering" are preempted by the HEA. A copy of *Nelson* is attached as **Exhibit B**.

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